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To: NIEHS ICCVAM

Subject: Animal Confirming Tests

Dear Dr. Stokes,

I was disburbed to hear that the ICCVAM has taken a position that "confirmation" tests on chemicals should be taken on animals, "just to be sure". Clearly, the tests are uneeded seeing that it is known that many chemicals are already corrosive and highly irritating. I urge that the ICCVAM follow the lead of many Eurpoean countries and accept the results of the in vitro methods to classify chemicals. Thank you for your time and reconsideration.

Sincerely,

Rachel Hermann